

## Message Text

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN  
AMEMBASSY RABAT

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EXDIS - ABIDJAN FOR AMB SHAUFELE

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: CG, MOPS, MPOL, PINS

SUBJECT: REPORTED REPRESSION IN ZAIRE

REFS: (A) LUBUMBASHI 222; (B) KINSHASA 4203;  
(C) LUBUMBASHI 252

1. EMBASSY AND CONSULATE REPORTS OF POLITICAL ARRESTS  
AND ALLEGED ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY UNDISCIPLINED  
ZAIRIAN TROOPS CAUSE US SERIOUS CONCERN. ASSUME THEY  
WILL BECOME PUBLIC, AS CONSULATE LU0UMBASHI SUGGESTED, IN  
NEAR FUTURE.

2. AS THEY BECOME PUBLIC, ATROCITY REPORTS WILL  
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PLACE USG UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE TO CUT ASSISTANCE  
EFFORTS IN ZAIRE.

3. DEPT APPRECIATES INCOMPLETE NATURE OF EVIDENCE CURRENT-  
LY REACHING POSTS. WE ALSO REALIZE PROBLEMS WHICH GOZ,  
LIKE ANY GOVERNMENT IN A WAR, FACES IN ENSURING THAT  
HUMANE TREATMENT GIVEN TO CIVILIANS AND TO MAINTAINING

DISCIPLINE OF SOLDIERS IN WAR ZONE. BUT THIS IS NOT  
AN ACCEPTABLE EXCUSE IN FACE OF THE EVIDENCE CITED  
REFTELS. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MOROCCAN AND ZAIRIAN  
TROOP BEHAVIOR DEMONSTRATES THE IMPORTANCE OF LEADERSHIP  
MAINTAINING DISCIPLINE.

4. AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE INSTRUCTED TO DISCUSS THIS  
PROBLEM WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER NGUZA AND  
POINT OUT US CONCERNS OVER RIGHTS OF COMBATANTS AND  
NON-COMBATANTS IN WAR ZONE. DEPARTMENT REALIZES  
DELICATE NATURE OF THIS INSTRUCTION, BUT IT IS  
IMPERATIVE THAT GOZ APPRECIATE THE STRENGTH OF OUR VIEWS  
AND THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF SUCH INCIDENTS IN US. CHRISTOPHER

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